



**BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MAY 14-20, 2023, AS NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL WEEK IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America recognizes the second week of May as National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officers who have been killed or died in the line of duty, deserve to be remembered and honored each year; and

WHEREAS, the work of all Law Enforcement Officers is essential to preserving peace in our communities and ensuring the safety of precious lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the families of those who have suffered the loss of a Law Enforcement Officer are forever recognized and honored for their loss; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office has lost the following Deputy Sheriffs who were killed in the line of duty:

Deputy Abram Johnson, End of Watch December 26, 1881; and
Deputy James Stewart, End of Watch April 11, 1895; and
Deputy Howard Dutton, End of Watch October 1, 1987; and
Deputy Scott Ward, End of Watch November 23, 2012; and
Deputy Bill Smith, End of Watch June 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial for Baldwin County is located in Robertsdale, Alabama, and has affixed upon the names of all 13 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty in Baldwin County; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the week of May 14-20, 2023, is hereby designated as Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week in Baldwin County, Alabama. The Baldwin County Commission and the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office extends its most heartfelt gratitude and eternal appreciation for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, gone beyond the full measure, and given not only of their personal lives, but also have caused hardship upon their families in doing so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, to be affixed on this the 2nd day of May 2023.

Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ronald J. Cink
Budget Director/Interim County Administrator